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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD POST ORDERS

REF: (A) KARACHI 03355; (B) CAIRO 12432

1. THE MATTER OF MARINE GUARD RELATIONSHIP TO LOCAL SECURITY FORCES HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND MARINE CORPS OFFICIALS.

2. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT:

A. THE MARINE GUARDS ARE PRIMARILY AN INTERIOR GUARD FORCE WHEREIN THE PRESCRIBED DUTIES MAY REQUIRE THE PERIODIC INSPECTION OF BUILDING INTERIORS AND THE MONITORING OF ELECTRONIC ALARM SYSTEMS, AND

B. THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL SECURITY GUARD FORCES PROVIDE THE EXTERNAL GUARD FUNCTION THUS PROVIDING THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AGAINST ATTACK BY TERRORISTS OR
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IRATE HOST COUNTRY NATIONALS.

3. WHILE THE ROLES OF BOTH UNITS ARE SECURITY IN NATURE, THE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES ARE DIFFERENT. THE DUTIES OF EACH UNIT SHOULD BE COORDINATED AND ORCHESTRATED BY THE RSO THROUGH THE NCOIC FOR MARINES AND THE DESIGNATED LEADER FOR THE LOCAL FORCES. UNDER NO CONDITIONS SHOULD

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MARINE GUARDS BE PLACED IN A POSITION OF SUPERVISION OVER ANY LOCAL EMPLOYEE, SECURITY FORCE OR OTHERWISE. EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST HAS INDICATED THAT IN EVERY CASE WHERE MARINES WERE REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE LOCAL NATIONALS, SERIOUS PROBLEMS HAVE DEVELOPED. THIS IS IN PART DUE TO THE FACT THAT DUTY IS PARAMOUNT FOR MARINE AND HE CANNOT ACCEPT LAX ATTITUDE OF OTHER SECURITY PERSONNEL TOWARD THEIR DUTIES.

4. RECENT TRAINING FOR RSOS, RMOS, AND NCOICS INCLUDES COMMENTS ON MSG, LOCAL SECURITY FORCE RELATIONSHIPS AND EMPHASIZES THE FACT THAT MARINES ARE NOT TO BE USED IN SUPERVISORY CAPACITY. PART OF THE PROBLEM MAY BE IN THE INTERPRETATION OF THE TERM "SUPERVISION" AS IT APPLIES IN THIS CASE. WHILE MARINES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CRITICALLY WATCHFUL OF ANY SECURITY PERSONNEL ACTIONS, THEY ARE NOT AUTHORIZED, OR EXPECTED, TO TAKE REMEDIAL ACTIONS. IN CONTINUATION OF THIS EFFORT IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THIS POINT BE RE-EMPHASIZED AT GUARD SCHOOL BY NCOIC AND RSO, AND THAT GUARD ORDERS BE MODIFIED TO CONTAIN SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED BY MARINES SHOULD THEY OBSERVE A QUESTIONABLE ACT BY A LOCAL SECURITY GUARD, I.E., INSTANT VERBAL REPORT OF THE PROBLEM THROUGH THE NCOIC TO THE RSO.

5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A DOCUMENT WILL BE PROMULGATED CONFIDENTIAL

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TO ALL POSTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE SETTING FORTH DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER. THIS GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW CONCEPTS SET FORTH IN PRECEEDING PARAGRAPHS.

6. ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PROPOSED DOCUMENT ARE WELCOME AND SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO A/SY/OPS/FO/MSG FOR MOST EXPEDIOUS HANDLING. VANCE

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